

### REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 7, 9, 15-21, 23-28, 32-44, 46-53 and 55 are pending in this application. Responsive the Office Action mailed on July 26, 2007. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter in claims 16-21, 23-28, 32-44, 46-53. Applicants have amended claim 1 and cancelled claim 9 (shown in the Listing of Claims attached hereto) in order to more particularly and completely claim the invention. No new matter has been introduced. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of foregoing and following remarks.

### **Claim Rejections -35 U.S.C. § 112**

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 7, 9 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claim 1 has been amended in combination with cancelled claim 9 to clarify including one of twisting the spring to reduce a diameter of the spring while maintaining the spring at the same axial length, and twisting the spring from a direction opposite from a direction defined by a helical orientation of the spring and pulling the string. Support for this has been found in paragraphs [0042] of the specification, as is noted by the Examiner.

On the other hand, according to paragraph [0038] of the specification, twisting the spring is needed in order to reduce a diameter of the spring while pulling the spring is not necessary. Applicants believe that amended claim 1 contains subject matter which was described in the specification in such way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

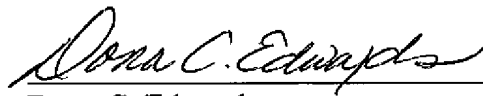
For the reasons discussed above, amended independent claim 1 complies with the enablement requirement. Accordingly, claim 1 should be allowable and the dependent claims should be also allowable for at least the same reasons.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the § 112 rejections and a favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (SHL.0317US).

Respectfully submitted,

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